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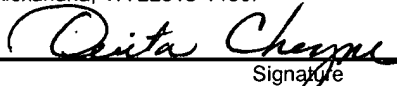
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: DIELECTRIC BARRIER LAYER FOR A COPPER METALLIZATION LAYER HAVING A VARYING SILICON CONCENTRATION ALONG ITS THICKNESS – Larry Zhao, Jeremy Martin and Hartmut Ruelke (2000.106900/DE0130)*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 21-page patent specification with 22 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1a-1c on 2 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet; and
- (5) Submission of Priority Document. Applicants hereby claim, through their attorney of record, priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 and/or § 365 of German Patent Application No. 103 03 925.2, filed January 31, 2003.

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| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 | = 0 | x \$43 = \$ | or x \$86 = \$ 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) | | | + \$145 = \$ | or + \$290 = \$ 0.00 |
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